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UTILITIES EXPAND UNDER FIVE-YEAR PLAN

GAS AND WATERWORKS PROGRAM GROWS -- Magyar Hírlap, No 102, 4 May 49

In 1938, the Gasworks in Budapest produced 101,700,000 cubic meters of gas. In 1945 production dropped to 41,700,000 cubic meters because of war damage, but this year it will be back up to 138,500,000 cubic meters. This surpasses the pre-war production by 36 percent. The number of gas meters in use has increased from the prewar figure of 125,000 to the present-day figure of 146,000. The number of units of gas-consuming apparatus is now 170,000 which is 45,000 more than before the war.

The amount allocated for the gas works under the three-year plan was 32,400,000 forints and an additional 222,000,000 forints will be invested in the gas works. During the five-year plan production capacity will be doubled, raising the present daily output of 550,000 to 1,100,000 cubic meters. The domestic consumption of gas will be increased by 35 percent to 190,000 cubic meters. The yearly output of coke will be raised to 215,000 tons, an increase of 36 percent. By supplying country towns with bottled gas from MAORT, the number of gas consumers will be increased by 30,000.

During the three-year plan, seven neighboring cities were included in the water supply system of Budapest. This made it necessary to increase the number of wells from 346 to 489. Before the war the length of the main system was 1,401 kilometers. Today it has grown to 1,878 kilometers. The output has increased from 6,100,000 to 7,500,000 cubic meters. Investments of 54,500,000 forints and 90 million forints under the three-year and five-year plans, respectively, will provide for development of the Budapest waterworks system. The capacity of the waterworks at Cinkol Szigetmonostor, and Palotasziget will be greatly expanded. The water basin at Gellert-hegy will also be expanded. About 120 kilometers of a new water system will be built to serve towns of the interior districts.

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The Sewage Works network consisted of 1,004 kilometers of pipeline before the war. By the end of this year there will be 1,130 kilometers, an increase of 13 percent. During the three-year plan 26,400,000 forints were invested, as compared with approximately 60 million forints to be invested during the five-year plan. Also, 1,750 meters of central sewage mains, 3,450 meters of collecting pipes, and 4,800 meters of branch pipes will be laid. In addition, pump stations will be built to serve the more remote areas.

**COAL PRODUCTION RISES** -- Hirlap, No 98, 29 Apr 49

Hungarian coal production is increasing rapidly. In 1938, the mines produced 9,300,000 tons of coal and in 1948 in excess of 9 million tons were produced. In 1939, so far, 11,500,000 tons have already been mined and by 1954 coal production will be increased to 18 million tons. This will be double the amount produced in 1938.

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